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New Software Aids Database Searching

New database search software for many frequently-used OhioLINK databases came online this summer. OhioLINK's new search software provides a web-based interface that is more powerful, flexible, and user friendly than the older version it replaces.

This software supports the simultaneous searching of multiple fields and improved phrase searching, thereby providing more precise access to relevant scholarly and scientific information. It tracks search histories and lets the user combine previously searched sets in new combinations. It improves ease-of-use by providing one common interface with consistent commands, options, and appearance for many databases.

LIBNET, the Libraries' access to OhioLINK, provided access to the old and new versions of search software for a trial period from July 20 to August 20. After August 20, only the new version has been available for the databases listed on the right.

OhioLINK plans to move the following research databases to the new search software in January 1999:

Aidline	EI Compendex Plus
BioethicsLine	ERIC
Biological Abstracts	Healthstar
CancerLit	Medline
CINAHL	PsycINFO

For assistance in using this new search software, please call the Dunbar Library Information Desk at 775-2925 or the Fordham Health Sciences Reference Desk at 775-2005.

OhioLINK Databases Using Updated Search Software:

ABI/Inform
Applied Science & Technology Index
Art Abstracts
Biography Index
Biological & Agricultural Index
Book Review Digest
Cumulative Book Index
Education Index
Essay & General Literature Index
Index to Legal Periodicals
Library Literature
Matter of Fact
MLA Bibliography
Newspaper Abstracts
PAIS
Periodical Abstracts

JSTOR Offers More Full-Text, Online Journals

JSTOR, an electronic, full-text collection of backfiles from over 50 core journals in the humanities, social sciences and sciences, became available on LIBNET this month. This new resource, purchased by the University Libraries to complement the OhioLINK Electronic Journal Center, significantly expands the Libraries' electronic journal coverage in the social sciences and humanities. JSTOR is unique among electronic journal offerings in providing backfiles beginning with volume one of each title.

Subject areas currently covered by JSTOR include:

Anthropology, Asian Studies, Ecology, Economics, Education, Finance, History, Literature, Mathematics, Philosophy, Political Science, Population Studies, and Sociology. Subject areas to be added in the future include African-American Studies and Statistics.

All JSTOR holdings begin with first issues, in many cases dating from the 1800s, and continue through volumes published two to five years ago. JSTOR's agreements with publishers

include an updating provision referred to as a "moving wall," a fixed period of time ranging from two to five years that defines the gap between the most recently published issue of any journal and the date of the most recent issue available in JSTOR. For example, current JSTOR holdings of the *American Historical Review* begin with volume 1, 1895, and continue through volume 97, 1992. Next year, volume 98 (1993), will be added to JSTOR.

A not-for-profit organization established with the assistance of The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, JSTOR is dedicated to becoming a trusted electronic archive of journal backfiles. New titles and fields are continually added to the collection, with a minimum of 100 journals in a variety of fields expected to be accessible by the year 2000.

JSTOR is found through the "Electronic Journals and Texts" link on the LIBNET homepage. JSTOR requires Adobe Acrobat Reader, available free from the Adobe website, www.adobe.com.

Records Manager Joins SCA Staff

Streamlining Wright State University's records retention program is the job for Records Manager Bessie Karras, a new member of the Special Collections and Archives Department since May.

Karras' goal is to strengthen the Wright State records management program that was established in 1973. Changes in technologies, information, personnel, and even storage space warrant revisions in policies and procedures for managing university records.

The basic goals of a records management program are: to control the growth of records from creation to disposition; to retain necessary information to meet an institution's legal, financial, administrative, and research needs; and to collect and preserve the institution's history systematically. Karras emphasized that an institution's history applies not only to the university as a whole, but to individual departments as well. The Special Collections and Archives Department will help departments assess historical merit of information.

In Ohio public colleges and universities, compliance with federal, state, and local government laws is mandatory. A WSU Board of Trustees' resolution designated the responsibility for maintaining University records to the Archives Department. Records retention guidelines are outlined by the InterUniversity Council of Ohio (IUC) manual. These guidelines help records managers identify and classify types of records and then assign appropriate retention.

Karras will address records management issues through continuous training with records liaisons designated by each department. She has already visited several campus offices throughout the summer and anticipates the next step of developing a Records Management Advisory Committee to address records management policies and procedures. This committee



Bessie Karras, University Records Manager

will discuss solutions in various areas such as records destruction, storage of inactive records, and retention of electronic records.

Karras holds a Master's in Public History from Wright State University and a Bachelor's in History and Archeology from the University of Athens, Greece. She is a member of the Association of Records Managers and Administrators International, the Society of Ohio Archivists, and the Miami Valley Archives Roundtable. She was the Records Management Specialist and Archivist at Sinclair Community College before joining Wright State. Karras will conduct Records Management training sessions coordinated through the WSU Office of Human Resources. More information about the records management program is available by contacting Karras at bkarras@library.wright.edu or calling 775-2017.

SCA Exhibits Spotlight Aviation & Conference

1998 National Aerospace Conference

Special Collections and Archives is producing several exhibits for the 1998 National Aerospace Conference (NAC) taking place on the WSU campus October 1-3. This conference is a kick-off event leading to America's "Century of Flight" celebration planned for 2003 commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Wright Brothers' first flight.

Head of Special Collections and Archives Dawne Dewey and summer Graduate Intern Tony Wright installed an aviation heritage exhibit in downtown Dayton's Bank One Pavilion that was on display throughout August. The Archives staff will design and install exhibits throughout campus in September and October focusing on the Wright Brothers, the Society of Aviation Artists, aviation manuscript collections, and aerospace medicine. Displays will be viewable throughout the Dunbar and Fordham Libraries, the Creative Arts Center, and the Student Union.

Dayton-Wright Airplane Company

A new permanent photographic exhibit in the Dunbar Library details Dayton's contribution to World War I airplanes.



From the Dayton-Wright collection

Forty-two photographs from the Dayton-Wright Airplane Company were installed in Room 441 in July. The exhibit was made possible through the support of the Friends of the Libraries and the efforts of Archivist John Sanford.

The photographs are direct contact prints made from original, large-format glass plate negatives housed in Special Collections and Archives. According to Sanford, the Dayton-Wright negative collection is one of only a few surviving primary sources for Dayton's important contribution to victory in the air during the First World War.

An introductory plaque displayed with the exhibit explains: "Industrial photographers like William Preston Mayfield and Delco staff photographers recorded the activities of Dayton's celebrated inventors, Charles Kettering and Orville Wright."

The Dayton-Wright Airplane Company exhibit complements the Aeronautics 1909 antique aviation postcard display in the Dunbar Library first floor study area. Both exhibits are viewable during Dunbar Library's regular open hours: Monday - Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-12:00 Midnight; Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.; Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.; Sunday, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 Midnight.

Staff Accomplishments

Fordham Library is well-represented on the Miami Valley Association of Health Sciences Libraries: **Susan Wehmeyer**, Head of Information Delivery Services for Fordham, was elected to a three-year term as president and is also program chair for 1998-99; Health Sciences Librarian **Bette Sydelko** was elected treasurer for a two-year term; and **Sarah Timmons**, Director of Public Services for Fordham, was elected historian for a two-year term.

Bette Sydelko is also serving on the planning committee for the Midwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association meeting scheduled for the year 2000 in Cincinnati.

Health Sciences Librarian **Ximena Chrisagis** attended a Training Institute for Library Residents at the University of Minnesota in July.

Health Sciences Librarian **Rebecca Cress-Ingebo** presented two Continuing Education Seminars for Professional Nurses in Cleveland and Cincinnati in May and June. Directed toward camp nursing, the topics were "Asthma Care at Camp" and "Homesickness at Camp."

Libraries Obtain Videos, Other Media

The University Libraries assumed responsibility for the purchase and rental of videos and other media for WSU collections on July 1.

Requests for purchase or rental of media is now handled in the same way as book orders, i.e., faculty send requests to the librarian responsible for selection in the desired subject area. As with book orders, all the information for ordering must be clear. A copy of the general guidelines for requesting the purchase of library materials is available upon request.

Specific viewing dates should be

She is also presenting talks about dealing with conflict in the workplace throughout Fall Quarter.

Fordham Health Sciences Library hosted a Kent State University Library Science student, Kara Ross, for a two-week practicum in May.

Head of Special Collections & Archives **Dawne Dewey** and Micrographics Specialist/Archivist **KaeLie Spiers** hosted a Local Government Records Training Workshop for the Ohio Historical Society in May.

Fordham Library Technical Assistant **Lois Foy** was elected correspondent for the WSU Office of Black Faculty and Staff.

University Librarian **Victoria Montavon** has been appointed to the OhioLINK Multimedia Steering Committee.

Library Technical Assistant **Angela Chavez** attended a student supervisors workshop in July.

Susan Wehmeyer, Head of Information Delivery Services, Fordham, was appointed to the Continuing Education Committee for the Midwest MLA Fall 2000 meeting.

noted on order requests. The Libraries will forward the viewing information to Media Services in order to schedule projection equipment. Faculty and staff are asked to request media orders at least six weeks before the anticipated viewing date. If this is not possible, order requests should be marked "rush" and sent directly to Jan Maxwell, 120E Dunbar Library.

Questions about this general process for ordering library materials may be directed to: Jan Maxwell (775-3034), or jmaxwell@library.wright.edu.

More Renovations for Fordham, Dunbar

Physical changes are apparent at both Dunbar and Fordham Libraries this fall.

Fordham Library's ground floor area was rearranged around the new tunnel connecting the new Academic Building to campus. Special Collections & Archives' Reading Room and Rare Book Room in Fordham Library relocated to different areas on the ground floor this

summer.

Dunbar Library has a redesigned Current Periodicals area. The Current Periodicals room now has a larger study lounge, a new area for microform readers, and a new reference desk. New carpet throughout the upper floors complete the Dunbar renovation project that began in 1997.

SCA Plans Women's History Symposium

Archivist Clare Balawajder and Head of Special Collections and Archives Dawne Dewey are part of a planning committee for an upcoming WSU symposium titled, "Preserving Women's History in Ohio."

The symposium scheduled for October 22 in the WSU Student Union is sponsored by WSU, the Ohio Preservation Council, Dayton and Montgomery Public Library, WSU Women's Center, and the Society of Ohio Archivists.

Keynote speaker will be Dr. Mary Frederickson, Associate Professor of History at Miami University.

More information is available by contacting Elli Bambakidis, (937) 227-9500, ext. 3232; Clare Balawajder, (937) 775-2092; or Suzanne Haag, (513) 529-3323.

Changes & Additions

Hellos

Carol Brown, Social Sciences Librarian; **Peter Cindric**, Desktop & LAN Support Specialist; **William Davis**, Library Associate; **Charlotte Droll**, Humanities Librarian; **Leslie England**, Library Technical Assistant; **Michelle Frisque**, Web Manager/Reference Librarian.

Change in Appointments

Ximena Chrisagis, Health Sciences Librarian (from residency to professional appointment); **Rita Johnson**, Library Associate (from Interlibrary Loan to Collection Development); **Mary Lou Baker Jones**, Physical Sciences Librarian (from Library Associate).

Good-byes

John Kiplinger, Serials Librarian; **Rich Miller**, Library Technical Assistant; **Sheila Shellabarger**, Head, Reference & Instruction Services, Fordham Library; **Barbara Winters**, Director of Central Services.

John Carroll, Capital Join OhioLINK

OhioLINK expanded its collections with the addition of two schools in August:

- John Carroll University
- Capital Law School (part of Capital University).

These collections are accessible through OhioLINK found on LIBNET, www.libraries.wright.edu.

Libraries Select 1998 StAR Award Recipients



StAR Committee Member Karen Wilhoit (left) and University Librarian Victoria Montavon flank 1998 StAR award recipients Ran Raider, Library Associate, and Karin Nevius, Coordinator of Publications & Public Relations, at the September 10 reception.

Ran Raider and Karin Nevius were named recipients of individual awards at the Libraries' Staff Achievement and Recognition (StAR) reception held on September 10.

Raider, Library Associate, was praised for his exceptional efforts in helping students and the Libraries' staff. Particular

mention was made of his major contributions of time and talent to the design and programming for the Dunbar Library website established this past year.

Nevius, Coordinator of Publications and Public Relations, was noted for maintaining quality and consistency of image throughout the Libraries' publications including the quarterly newsletter, handouts, and brochures. The award referred to her willingness to accept additional responsibilities and her general enthusiasm and capabilities for new projects.

StAR award-winners are selected annually from nominations supplied by the Libraries' staff. It honors excellent employees and recognizes their value to the University Libraries and Wright State University. Criteria for nominations include: demonstrating willingness to surpass duties and expectations for quality service to the Libraries and the university community; presenting a favorable image of WSU Libraries both within the university and beyond; encouraging teamwork and organizational effectiveness; and promoting a constructive work environment.

Initiated in 1994, StAR awards have been presented previously to seven individuals and seven groups. The 1998 selection committee consisted of: Karen Wilhoit, Head of Technical Services; Marty Jenkins, Humanities Librarian; Debbie Jennings-Ryan, Senior Library Technical Assistant; and Mandy Wilson, Senior Technical Library Assistant.

StAR award-winners receive certificates plus have their names engraved on a plaque displayed in the Libraries.



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